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a milk collector unit having a manifold assembly, the manifold assembly having a vacuum path and a pulsating pressure path,

a collection vessel operatively connected to said vacuum path,

a cup assembly, said cup assembly having a housing having an inlet and an outlet, a pad located in the input end of said housing, and a liner extending from said housing inlet to said housing outlet, said liner being secured to said housing to form a space between said housing and said liner which is in communication with said pulsating pressure path, pressure in said pulsating path pushing said liner inwardly within said housing, and

a hollow boss which prevents the pressure from pushing a portion of said liner inwardly.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

As a preliminary matter, a petition for correction of inventorship was filed on July 16, 2001. The petition requests deletion of all of the originally named inventors except Bruce McKendry. A decision on the petition has not been made, but a favorable decision is expected. Accordingly, a supplemental declaration signed by Mr. McKendry is enclosed, as requested.

Claim 10 has been amended to overcome the outstanding § 112 rejection, without narrowing the claim. The claim merely better defines the invention by providing